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Firefighters Battle Blaze Southeast of Walnut Canyon

WILLIAMS, Ariz. – Firefighters are battling a blaze on the Coconino National Forest that is located about 4 miles south of Interstate 40 and several miles east of Flagstaff southeast of Walnut Canyon.

The Knife Fire has burned about 70 acres of pinyon-juniper woodlands and is being driven to the north/northeast by strong winds. A smoke column from the blaze is visible from Flagstaff.

The cause of the Knife Fire is under investigation.

Resources assigned to the fire include two Type 1 (Hotshot) crews, 4 dozers, two water tenders and four engines.

More information will be released as it becomes available.

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